Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21, 2005

Faith Sharing Readings and Questions

Jeremiah 20: 7-9 Romans 12: 1-2
Matthew 16: 21-27
Theme: The cross is a way that leads to true life.

Question for Adults: Jesus gives us the core truth to life and eternal happiness - the cross. Name the cross that you carry. How is it bringing you closer to God?
Question for Children: Jesus tells us that we each called to follow Him. What is hard for you to do to follow Jesus? When did you ask Jesus to help you?

Mon., August 22nd, 2005
Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Mt 23:13-22
5:45 p.m.-Daily Mass
Intention: For all mothers
Office Hours – 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Tues., August 23rd, 2005
1 Thes 2:1-8 Mt 23:23-26
8:00 a.m.- Daily Mass
Intention: Repose of Souls in Purgatory
Office Hours – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts
7:00 p.m. – Bible Study

Wed., August 24h, 2005
Feast of Saint Bartholomew
Rev 21:9b-14 Jn 1:45-51
Office Hours – Closed
Food Pantry – 9:00 – 12:00 p.m.
6:00p.m. – Home mass at - see insert for directions
Intention: Healing of the sexually abused

Thur. August 25th, 2005
1 Thes 3:7-13 Mt 24:42-51
8:00 a.m. –Daily Mass
Intention: Birthday of Bob Weaver
Office Hours – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
1:30 pm – OLBH Ladies Single Spouse

Fri., August 26th, 2005
1 Thes 4:1-8 Mt 25:1-13
No Daily Mass
Office Hours – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
5:00 pm – Wedding Rehearsal

Sat., August 27th, 2005
Daily Readings
Memorial of Saint Monica
1 Thes 4:9-11 Mt 25:14-30
Sunday Readings
Jer 20:7-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27
9:00 am – 12:00 pm – Food Pantry
2:00 p.m. - Wedding
4:00 p.m.-Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: For the marriage of Stuart & Julie Mendenhall

Ministry Schedule:
Bread Baker: Lori Kline
Altar Servers*: Cody & Courtney Cassen & Barry Vargo*
Blood: *Jerry Silbernagel, Betsy Van Asma Charlie & Eileen Desmond*
Euch: Min.: Body*: Walt Wilson*
Lector*: Sue & Steve Colgan*
Sacristan: *Erik & Estela Haakedahl*
Ushers*: Joyce & Pat Clark*
Music*: Family Choir*

Sun., August 28th, 2005
Jer 20:7-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27
8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: Students on their return to school

Ministry Schedule:
Altar Servers*: Kevin Chamberlain, Kerry & Caitlin Wilson*
Blood: *Frank Boner, Dean & Mary Antonsen & Judy Wilson*
Euch: Min.: Body*: Walt Wilson*
Lector*: Donna Boner & Judy Wilson*
Sacristan: *Frank & Donna Boner*
Ushers*: Cindy Creager & Don Everson*
Music*: Regina's Minstrels*

9:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts in Church Basement

10:00 a.m. Liturgy of Eucharist
Intention: To all school faculty on their return to school

Ministry Schedule:
Altar Servers: *The Strand Family*
Blood: *Ken & Kathy Van Asma, Christine Diedricksen & Jan Schurman*
Euch: Min.: Body*: Walt Wilson*
Lector*: Ken & Kathy Van Asma*
Sacristan*: Ken & Kathy Van Asma*
Ushers*: Bob & Pam Wentz*
Music: *Folk Group*
7:00 p.m.-Adoration

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Sparks From Mark

I Just wanted to give you an update on the renovation project, we set a tentative date hoping that everything would be done by Wednesday, September 22 in which Bishop Cupich would come and consecrate our new altar, and bless our ambo and baptismal font. However, this doesn't seem to be a possibility. We are running about a month behind on our granite and our new date for finishing the project will be Thursday, November 3rd.

Please look at our classrooms! They really look nice and no longer have the "Dungeon" look and smell to them and should be done next week.

I wanted to thank all those who helped this summer with the project by helping with the demolition in the church and with the downstairs classrooms, those who prepared food, laid tile and cleaning the church each week in preparation for the weekend services. You have been a great help! I also, wanted to thank everyone for their generosity and patience with this project and I look forward to celebrate as a community on November 3rd. It has been suggested that our parish have an open house to celebrate our new church. If anyone has suggestions on how to do this and/or would like to help with this idea, please give me a call at the parish office and as always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to give me a call.

Thirty-One Questions on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament A Resource of the
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24. In those places where perpetual adoration of the exposed Blessed Sacrament take place, scheduling is often a great challenge. If a person misses an assigned hour for adoration of the exposed Sacrament, can a door or a drape be erected so that the exposed Sacrament can be temporarily closed off from public view?

No. The use of drapes or doors to shield the monstrance, even for a short period of time, is not the required reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Blessed Sacrament may never be left exposed when no one is present for prayer and adoration. "Every effort should be made to ensure that there should be at least two people p[resent. There must absolutely never be periods when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed and there is no one present for adoration…." "If a period of uninterrupted exposition is not possible, b3ecause of too few worshipers, the Blessed Sacrament may be replaced in the tabernacle during periods which have been scheduled and announced beforehand. This reposition may not take place more often than twice during the day, for example, about noon and at night."

Prayer Corner: *Please remember in your daily prayers:*

Wayne Barber – Improved Health
Geri Rosamalia – Improved Health
Mike Coyle - Healing
Ray Hume – Improved health
Joe Creek – Improved health
John Mohn – Improved health
Mary Jo Spencer – Improved health
Justin Judy- Improved health
John Schmitz – Improved health
Vickie Bergeron – Improved health
Jenny Uhre-Improved health
Vicki Neiderworder- Improved health
Edgar Delarmente-Improved health

There will not be a Stewardship meeting for this month of August.

STEWARDSHIP
August 13th & 14th
General Collections

Loose	$1,514.61
Envelopes	$1,917.00
Votive	$1.00
Student	$45.80
Assumption	$60.00
Building	$1,074.66
Total	$4,640.07

We would like to give a
BIG THANK YOU

To Nick the "rotisserie man" and the Van Asma family for roasting the pig. Don Konechne, and Father Mark's cousin, Dwayne Grabowska from Specialized Welding that made the roaster for the pig roast. Also, thank you to the Ptacek family for having their band the "Bushel Babies" play music for everyone's entertainment at the picnic. We also wouldn't have this Parish Picnic without the organization from the Stewardship Committee and for everyone who came!

Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina

Every Thursday beginning July 14th from 7- 8:30 p.m. at St. Martin's Monastery. Contact Sr. Marmion Howe at 343-2688 or Fr. Mark at 787-5168.

Looking for a Coordinator of Faith Formation For more information please contact Fr. Mark McCormick at 12365 N. Highway 79, Piedmont, SD 57769. Phone number is 605-787-5168, website is www.olbh.org.

OLBH Ladies Single Spouses will be having a meeting in the church basement Thursday August 25th at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will be to discuss dates for a visit to the Assumption Abby in North Dakota. Please bring a small dessert and the recipe. If you have any questions, please call Patty Cariveau at 718-5882.

WAVI "Working Against Violence Inc." will be having a fund raising rummage and bake sale, Saturday, August 27th 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. located at 527 Quincy, Rapid City. Please come and help support WAVI

"SEEDS OF FAITH? Bumper or Bummer Crop" The Third Annual Diocesan Youth Commission Meeting/Rally will be held on Sept 16-17 (Fri eve-Sat) at St. Patrick's Parish in Wall, SD. Ela Milewska from Cultivation Ministries will present ways to effectively evangelize individual youths and ways to develop programs that attract and evangelize teens. This workshop is for all who work with youth in grades 6-12. Cost is $25. For more information or to register, please talk to your parish priest or call Susan at 343-3541 or sthompson@diorc.org.

Diocesan News:

A Safe Environment for Children and Young People the Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is firmly committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our children and young people. To report allegations of sexual abuse, contact the victims Assistance Coordinator, Maryann Tully. She has 41 years of experience as a nurse dealing with confidential matters.
To ensure her independence in outreach to victims, she can be contacted privately at 1-605-209-3418 (cell). Phone has caller ID and messaging features all information will be treated confidentially. Alleged victims are advised of their right to report alleged abuse to civil authorities. The diocesan sexual misconduct policy and code of conduct are on the diocesan website at www.rapidcitydiocese.org

Foster Parent with PRIDE! The Department of Social Services will be holding training classes, at no cost, in Rapid City for prospective foster and adoptive families beginning in September. The PREIDE program will take you through South Dakota's foster parent training and licensing process. There are ten sessions with a total of thirty hours of trinbing. E#nroll now for September PRIDE classes. Participants must be at lease 21 years of age. Enrollment is iopen to single and married people and participants may be employed outside of the home. If you would like to maske a difference for youth in foster care, please call Tanya at 343-2598. Become a Foster Parent with PRIDE!

Ladies mark your calendars for this years upcoming Women's Retreat, "**Walking on Holy Ground"** November 11-13, 2005 in Rapid City with Sister Kathleen Atkinson! For more information contact Kathy in the Family Life Office, 343-3541 or e-mail at kcordes@diorc.org!

Are you a Catholic woman currently using Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) to learn more about the Bible? Have you ever wished to be able to study the Bible from a Catholic perspective? Have we got a deal for you! Blessed Sacrament's Women's Bible Study plans to use Catholic Scripture Study this fall. We will study the Gospel of John while learning more about the Catholic Catechism and Catholic teaching. We'll be meeting Tuesday mornings at Blessed Sacrament Parish starting in late September. For more information, please call Gail Wingert at 348-4073. We're excited about this opportunity and hope you can join us!

LITURGICAL COORDINATOR POSITION-Rapid City Catholic School System is seeking a full-time K-12 Liturgical Coordinator. Please call Barb or Marcia at 348-1477 if interested!

WOMEN OF FAITH

Women of Faith is a group composed of women of all ages who come from parishes in the Black Hills area. Women of Faith pray together, study the Catholic faith, and provide support for each other in fellowship. The first meeting is Wednesday, September 7th with Mass at 9:15 in Our Lady's Chapel at the Cathedral. A potluck brunch will follow in the Cathedral Hall. Meetings are handicapped accessible and babysitting is provided. For more information call Marie Hicks at 343-8106. A schedule of Women of Faith will be posted on the OLBH bulletin board in the gathering area.

All women are invited to a Mother's Retreat Saturday, August 27th at Cathedral in Rapid City. We will meet for 8 a.m. Mass and Adoration and conclude at 4 p.m. We will be exploring our vocation as wives and mothers and learning to answer God's call to holiness in our individual lives, based on the book "A Mother's Rule of Life." Peg Schneller will be one of our featured speakers. Cost is $15.00 with breakfast and lunch provided. Please register by August 22nd by calling Gail Wingert at 605-348-4073.

For the Ride Home
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Scripture

- When he opens, no one shall shut (and) when he shuts, no one shall open. (Isaiah 22:22)
- The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar. (Psalm 138:6)
- How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! (Romans 11:33b)
- For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. (Matthew 16:17)

Reflection

- Is God revealed or understood?
- Is faith blind or logical?
- Is the basis of faith built on love?
- Is there any way to understand the rationality of love?

There is no greater way in which God can communicate with us than on the level of pure faith. This level does not register directly on our psychic facilities because it is too deep. God is incomprehensible to our facilities. We cannot name Him in a way that is adequate. We cannot know Him with our mind; we can only know him with our love. That is what some mystical writers call *unknowing*. It is by not knowing Him in the ways that we now know Him, that we do know Him. Visions, locutions or ecstasies are like frosting on a cake. The substance of the journey is pure faith.[1]

[1] Keating, Thomas, *Open mind Open Heart*, Continuum: New York, 2003, p. 83,4.